

## Public comment opportunity extended to October 1, 2009 on proposed rule for Campus use.

The public comment period for General Administration's proposed rule regarding activities on the Capitol Campus has been extended to October 1, 2009.

GA is responsible for managing the Capitol Campus. GA has had rules governing requests for activities on the campus since the late 1960s, and most recently amended them in the early 1980s. GA also implemented policy and procedures to carry out the rules.

In December 2008, the number of requests for exhibits and displays in the Legislative Building exceeded our capacity to manage. GA imposed a moratorium on processing new requests for exhibits and displays in the Legislative Building so that we could review our related policies and procedures.

We then began a rulemaking process in July of this year. Because of the uncertainty and lengthy timeframe of the rulemaking process, GA adopted an interim policy in August that allowed exhibits and displays on the campus grounds subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, but not in campus buildings. The interim policy will sunset with the adoption of the final rule.

More information about the interim policy and rule-making process is available at:

- http://www.ga.wa.gov/Rules/rules\_proposed.htm
- http://www.ga.wa.gov/Visitor/schedule-event.htm

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